

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : L. NELSON  
APPLICATION NO. : 09/894,432  
DATE FILED : 06/26/2001  
INVENTION : STORAGE DEVICE

EXAMINER : CRONIN  
GROUP ART UNIT : 5171

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

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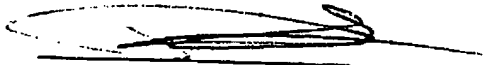
Pursuant to 137 C.F.R. §1.8 (b), Applicant hereby petitions to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-referenced application. Applicant submits the following to establish that a response to the office action was timely filed.

(1) A copy of the previously mailed correspondence (9 pages) and certificate is transmitted herewith; and

(2) The undersigned attests to his personal knowledge that the correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date indicated in the Certificate.

Applicant did not learn of the application's status until a recent status check, and respectfully submits that the attestation and copy establish that Applicant filed a timely and complete response to the Office Action mailed 31 July 2002. Consequently, Applicant further submits that the holding of abandonment was therefore in error, and should be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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